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PATENT APPLICATION EXAMINING OPERATIONS

In re the Application of :
Stephen P. Oliver, et al : Group Art Unit: 1645

Serial No. 10/691,384 : Examiner: Devi, Sarvamangala JN

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For a Patent for :
STREPTOCOCCUS UBERIS ADHESION
MOLECULE

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.143

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits the following in response to the Requirement for Restriction that was mailed on September 28, 2006.

In the Requirement for Restriction, the Examiner divided the claims into eight groups, as follows:

Group I = claims 1-5 and 11-14, drawn to a polypeptide comprising Seq. ID No 4,

Group II = claims 6-10, drawn to a polypeptide comprising Seq. ID Nos. 2 or 15,

Group III = claims 15-17, drawn to a nucleic acid that hybridizes to the complement of the nucleic acid of Seq. ID No. 5,